Dear Judiciary Committee:

OPPOSE SB 16: An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime

This is nothing more than thinly veiled gun control. Once again making it harder for the hundreds of thousands of responsible gun owners to enjoy the sport of shooting and the constitutional right to be armed. The most abhorrent part of this bill the section that will allow police to force you to show a permit, this will create a stop and frisk situation where law abiding citizens, especially minorities will be disproportionately subject to unreasonable questioning and interaction with the police. Banning arm braces will also disproportionately affect those with serious disabilities by banning the shooting aide they need to safely use a firearm. Denying rights of someone with a family violence crime is not acceptable, only felons should be subject to having their rights revoked If the crime was bad enough to warrant the removal of rights than it should have been charged as a felony, and quite frankly our court system gets it wrong too often for this to be an acceptable course of action. Denying people the right to exercise their rights while protesting and in in public areas is just wrong an unconstitutional, if people have the right to assemble, they should also have the right to carry. Banning the second amendment at public events such as protests is no different from banning free speech at the same events. Imagine if you could get arrested for rallying against anything, regardless of agenda.

OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

There is just no logical reason that someone should not be able to buy as many firearms as they want to. This will solve exactly zero problems, and will only affect law abiding citizens who are just trying to buy what they want.

SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

You should be able to defend yourself and your family no matter where you are. This bill expands where you can defend yourself and should be supported.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

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Thank you for your time.

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